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SUBJECT: "ABSOLUTE BALDERDASH", PM LABELS ALLEGATIONS THAT HE
ACHIEVED POWER WITH HELP FROM CIA

1. MAY 21 SUNDAY CHRONICLE CARRIED A LONG INTERVIEW WITH PRIME
MINISTER BURNHAM BY GUYANESE JOURNALIST KESTER ALVES, WHO
RECENTLY OBTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN JOURNALISM FROM NEW YORK'S
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. ALVES, NOTING THAT HE ONLY RECENTLY RE-
TURNED FROM THE UNITED STATES, SAID THAT "EVERY TIME THE MEDIA
MENTIONS YOU, THEY STATE THAT THE AMERICANS MUST BE DISAPPOINTED
BECAUSE THE CIA ASSISTED IN PUTTING YOU IN OFFICE," AND ENQUIRED
ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO SUCH ALLEGATIONS BY LOCAL
POLITICAL OPPONENTS. "TOMMYROT AND ABSOLUTE BALDERDASH*",
BURNHAM IS QUOTED AS REPLYING. "THE CIA AND OURSELVES NEVER HAD
ANY CONNECTION." PARTY ORGANIZATION AND THE "CLARITY" OF THE
PARTY'S POSITION WERE THE REASONS FOR HIS SUCCESS, THE PRIME
MINISTER CONTINUED, THE PROOF OF WHICH IS "IF THE CIA AND
OURSELVES WERE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, ONE WOULD ASK WHAT WAS
THE MEANING OF THE ATTEMPTS AT DESTABLIZATION WHICH WERE
PALPABLE IN '76."

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2. "THESE ATTEMPTS ARE NO LONGER CONTINUING?" THE INTER-
VIEWER THEN ASKED. THE PRIME MINISTER RESPONDED: "WELL,
YOU MAY PUT IT THAT WAY." THE INTERVIEW THEN TURNED TO
OTHER SUBJECTS.
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